



2022-2023 Pasco County Fair Youth Rabbit Show

Important Dates

1. **Exhibitor Meeting** – Tuesday, October 11th – 6:00 p.m. – Dan Cannon ***Mandatory for all exhibitors**
2. **Entry Deadline** – Online entry Friday, January 6th, 2023
Late online entry January 13th, 2023 (**Double Fee**)
3. **Health & Tattoo Clinic** – Saturday, January 28th, 2023 – 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Clayton Hall
4. **Record Book, Poster, Decorated Rabbit, Information Card, Thank You Letter Collection** – Sunday, February 12, 2023 – 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
5. **Check-In** – Sunday, February 19, 2023 – 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Rabbit Barn Front Porch
6. **Skillathon** – Sunday, February 19, 2023 – 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Immediately after check-in, held in Dan Cannon Auditorium (**Mandatory**)
7. **Showmanship** – Sunday, February 19, 2023 – 12:00 p.m. – Rabbit Barn
8. **Rabbit Judging** – Sunday, February 19, 2023 – Immediately after showmanship
9. **Rabbit Awards** – Sunday, February 26, 2023 – 11:00 a.m. Barn Front Porch
10. **Barn Clean Up/Release** – Sunday, February 26, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Show Rules

As of June 2020

The Pasco County Fair Association adopted a new rule. This rule is for ALL Agriculture Projects. An exhibitor must be a member of a Pasco County 4-H or FFA. Exhibitor must also either live in Pasco County or attend a Pasco County School. Exhibitor must register project to be eligible each year.

1. **Eligibility** – The exhibitor must own all animals by December 1, 2022. Exhibitors must read and understand Pasco County Fair General Rules located at www.pasocountyfair.com. These rules include Safe Handling Practices, IAFE National Code of Show Ethics, and The Livestock Addendum. The Pasco County Fair Association, Inc. does not discriminate against any person on the basis of age, race, color, sex, disability, relation or national origin.
2. **Mandatory Ethics Certification** – The Pasco County Fair requires all exhibitors 8 and over (as of September 1, 2022) to have Ethics Certification. Certification trainings are listed at the Florida State Fair website <http://www.floridastatefairag.com/pdffiles/live-ethicsformpub.pdf>. Any workshop listed on the site will work for certification. Pre-registration is required.
3. **Exhibitor Meeting**– Tuesday, October 11th. The seminar will be in Dan Cannon at the fairgrounds from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The purpose of the seminar is to review rules, entry procedures, point opportunities, ethics, skillathon, and choosing an animal to show. All exhibitors must stay for the entire seminar to receive points. Exhibitors attending will receive 50 points toward Overall Exhibitor Award.
4. **Herdsmen** – The Barn Committee will treat exhibitors, parents, fellow volunteers and members of the public with respect and will expect the same in return. The Barn Committee will not conduct business with those who use obscenities or otherwise speak in a demanding, loud, insulting, or threatening manner. Volatile, hostile, or aggressive actions and words will not be tolerated, and individuals who engage in these activities may face penalties up to, and including, criminal prosecution. This policy promotes mutual respect, civility, and orderly conduct among all committee members, exhibitors, and parents. It is intended to maintain, to the extent that is possible and reasonable, a safe, harassment-free show for exhibitors, families, and volunteers, that is free of disruptive, demeaning, intimidating, threatening, or aggressive behaviors.
5. **Entry Deadline** – Entries must be entered online by January 6, 2023. An entry fee of \$5.00 for each animal entering the show must be submitted with the entry form. Each exhibitor may **enter 3 rabbits**. 10 points will be awarded for correctly filled out, on time entries. A late, incomplete, or inaccurate entry form will result in earning 0 points for entry form towards overall exhibitor. Late entry forms must be submitted online by January 13th, with double the entry fees, *no exceptions*. Please make sure you get a receipt with your submission.

**Opportunities to add up to 2 more rabbits will be based on a first come, first serve basis. You will be notified by email and entry fee will be collected on February 12th during record book turn in.

6. **Acceptable Breeds**- Only breeds recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association in its Standard of Perfection will be accepted for entry. A complete description of each breed and breed standard can be found in the American Rabbit Breeders Associations' Standard of Perfection. To purchase a copy of The Standard of Perfection visit <https://arba.net/recognized-breeds/>. **No Cross Breeds will be accepted.**

Identification - Rabbits entered into the show must be permanently and legibly tattooed in the LEFT ear. Absolutely no tattooing will be done on fairground property. If exhibitors need assistance with tattooing please contact Renee Carpenter at (813) 494-2727 before Check-in. Any rabbit whose tattoo does not match the number given on the entry form and/or cannot be read easily will not be allowed entry into the Pasco County Fair.

**Large breed rabbits may be asked to leave the barn after judging if temperatures are too high. If you plan on showing a large breed rabbit, be prepared to take them home Monday after all judging has been completed.

7. **Record Book, Poster, Decorated Rabbit, Information Card, Thank You Note Collection** – Record book, poster, decorated rabbit, information cards and thank you notes will be collected from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 12, 2023 at Clayton Hall. It is mandatory to turn in a completed record book. No record book, no show. No exceptions.
8. **Arrival at the Fair** –Animals will be received from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Sunday, February 19, 2023, on the front porch. Rabbit presented at any other time will not be accepted. **Vehicles will not be allowed on the fairway or near the barns during check in.** Health regulations will be enforced according to Chapter 5C-4 of the Florida Administrative Code entitled *Admission of Animals for Exhibition*. **Also see Pasco County Fair general Rules on safe Handling Practices located at www.pascocountyfair.com.** The **exhibitor**, not the parent, must cage all of his/her animals. There will be committee assigned helpers available.
9. **Animal Inspections** - Health Regulation will be strictly enforced by the committee according to Chapter 5C-4 via Florida Administration Code entitled “Admission of Animals for Exhibition” and the ARBA Standard of Perfection. Animals will be inspected outside of The Pasco County Fair Rabbit Barn. Each rabbit and cavy will be inspected by a committee member or a person approved by the committee. Any animals exhibiting any sign of illness, parasite infection, or any other health concern will **not be allowed to enter the barn** or be judged. If your rabbit is suspected of being bred or is bred it will not be allowed into the barn. Such concerns include but are not limited to; ear canker, pink eye, discharge from the nostrils, ears, eyes, mouth, teats, vent area or open wounds, parasitic infestations such as mange, skin mites, fur mites, ear mites, lice, fleas, ticks, vent disease, open and bleeding sore hocks, swelling of any body part, wry neck, obvious broken bones, and flaking of the skin or foreign particles of concern on the skin or any location on the hair shaft. Also signs of recent infection including matting around the nose, ears, eyes, vent area, teats, and on front legs will also be dismissed from entrance into the show. **Entry fee will not be refunded.** All final decisions concerning animal entrance will be up to the committee members. Any exhibitor with an animal(s) that fail to pass the health inspection will remain eligible to compete in the following: record book contest, skillathon, poster contest, breed use contest, and the awards ceremony. Also, such exhibitors are still encouraged to observe showmanship of the animals to gain an educational experience.

10. **Judging** – Showmanship will be Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. Judging of the rabbits will take place immediately after showmanship. The decision of the judge will be final. The barn will remain closed until the fair is open to the public on Monday. Non-committee members are to remain out of the barn until judging is complete and the barn is open. Results will be posted as soon as possible after judging. Other items will be judged and results posted as available. Record book results will be announced at the awards ceremony. In the event of a tie, a third party judge will break the tie.
11. **Care During the Fair-** There will be no extras in the cages during fair (hay, blankets, toys, etc.) Neither any member of the committee or the Pasco County Fair Association, INC will be held responsible for any injury or loss to animals. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to check their animals daily. Please note the Pasco County Fair General Rules Livestock Addendum located at www.pascocountyfair.com.
12. **Barn Clean Up and Animal Release – (Mandatory)** – Sunday, February 26, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Exhibitors (not parents) are required to assist with barn clean up before the start of the checkout process. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring tools such as shovels and brooms to clean out the dirtied shavings. When the barn is clean, the checkout will begin.

6:00 p.m. – empty and collect water and feed cups, sweep shavings out the cage and put in the barrel at the barn.

Exhibitors, when instructed, will retrieve their animal(s) and coop cards from a committee member. This practice is implemented to ensure the correct animal goes with the correct exhibitor. After your rabbit is retrieved, you will go to Record Book Checkout to pick up record books, educational posters, decorated rabbit and information cards will be given back to the exhibitor. Exhibitors will also receive premiums and strip ribbons.

***Any exhibitor failing to attend barn clean-up will forfeit all premiums earned. Pasco County Fair Poultry and Rabbit Barn will be closed promptly at 7:00 p.m. Any animal or exhibitor items remaining in the barn after that time will become property of the Pasco County Fair, unless other arrangements have been made with a Barn Committee member.

13. **Passes** - Upon check-in, each exhibitor will receive **one** weeklong pass for entrance into the Pasco County Fair. No additional passes will be provided. Exhibitors who require additional passes, are encouraged to purchase a Pasco County Fair membership. Memberships may be purchased at the Fair Office by February. Memberships are encouraged, but not mandatory.
14. **Grievances** - An appeals committee composed of the Fair Ag. Committee shall receive and act upon any grievance arising out of an event. The grievance must be filed in the Pasco Fair Office in writing and accompanied by \$25.00 cash deposit. If the grievance is overruled, the deposit shall be forfeited to the fair. **Judges' decisions are final and are not subject to protest.**

15. **Awards Program** - The awards program will be held Sunday, February 26st at 11:00 a.m. on the back porch of the Small Breed Barn.

The following will be awarded at the awards program

Rabbit Awards:

Grand and Reserve Champion of Show
Best of Breed
Best of Opposite Breed
Best of Variety
Best of Opposite Variety

Other Contest Awards:

Decorated Rabbit Show – 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Exhibitor Awards: (1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded in each age division for the following)

Record Book
Showmanship
Poster Contest
Age Division Overall Exhibitors
Overall Exhibitor – selected from division winners
Herdsman Award

The following will be awarded at check out on Sunday:

Strip ribbons for record book, showmanship and poster are based on the following scale:

Blue: 100-90 Red: 89-80 White: 79-70

16. **Overall Rabbit Exhibitor** - Exhibitors will compete with others in their age division to be named Overall Rabbit Exhibitor for that division. Points are awarded for record book, poster, Ask Me Booth, showmanship, information cards, thank you notes, rabbit seminar and correct completion of entry form. Each division will receive 1st, 2nd and 3rd place rosettes. From the 3 division winners, there will be one Overall Rabbit Exhibitor award. Ties will be broken in the following order: record book, showmanship, poster. (K-2nd are excluded from the overall exhibitor award.)

17. **Premiums** – Premiums will be awarded at check out on Sunday, February 26th for the following:

Rabbit Premiums:

Grand Champion	\$20.00	Reserve Champion	\$15.00
Best of Breed	\$5.00		
Best of Opposite (1)	\$3.00		

Exhibitor Premiums:

1 st Place Skillathon	\$5.00
1 st Place Showmanship	\$5.00

18. Record Book (Mandatory)

- a. All exhibitors are required to enter a record book. *No record book, No show.*
- b. Rabbit record books are available online at www.pascocountyfair.com.
- c. Completed record book must be turned in on February 12, 2023 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Clayton Hall at the Fairgrounds.
- d. Record books must be in a three-prong folder (color of your choice) or official FFA or 4H record book portfolios. Binders will not be accepted.
- e. Record books will be judged on a 100-point scale.
- f. Exhibitors will be placed in 4 age divisions: K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th.

19. Educational Poster Contest (Optional)

- a. The poster must educate fair goers about the specified topic as listed in the current skillathon manual. The poster may not be interactive.
- b. No previously used posters may be submitted.
- c. Posters must be on **poster board** (no foam boards will be accepted) with dimensions of 14" x 22". Attachments on the poster must be less than 1 inch. Posters not meeting this size requirement will not be accepted.
- d. Exhibitor number and grade must be on the back of the poster, bottom right corner.
- e. Exhibitors using a computer to create components of the poster must affix a statement to the back explaining how the computer assistance affected the poster's composition and visual presentation.
- f. Posters must be completed by the exhibitor and be attractive, easy to read and contain no grammatical errors. Handwritten work is recommended.
- g. Exhibitors must give appropriate credit to any resources on the back of their poster.
- h. Posters must be submitted at record book collection on February 12th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Clayton Hall at the Fairgrounds.
- i. Posters will be judged on a 50-point scale.
- j. Exhibitors will be placed in 4 age divisions: K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th.
- k. Care will be taken with entries but the Committee will not accept responsibility for damage to or loss of entries.

20. Showmanship (Optional)

- a. Showmanship will be held February 19th at 12:00 p.m.
- b. Exhibitors may sign up for showmanship on the entry form and/or during record book turn in on February 12th.
- c. Exhibitors should dress neatly in FFA or 4-H attire.
- d. Showmanship competitors must use one of their rabbits entered in this show. *If your animal was not allowed into the show, you can still compete in Showmanship using a animal of the Committee's Choosing. However, no Overall Exhibitor points for Showmanship will be awarded.*
- e. Exhibitors will demonstrate showmanship skills on an individual basis to a judge. The judge will also ask questions to test the showman's knowledge of their rabbit and the rabbit project in general.
- f. Judging will be on a 100-point scale. Ties for placing will be broken by the judges.
- g. Exhibitors will be placed in 4 age divisions: K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th.

21. Thank You Note (Optional)

- a. Exhibitors may earn additional points by turning in two (2) thank you notes (5 points each) for our sponsors.
- b. Thank you notes will be collected on Sunday, February 12th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Clayton Hall at the Fairgrounds.
- c. The exhibitor will place their thank you note envelopes in the folder of the sponsor of their choice. When writing thank you notes, leave the name of the sponsor blank but please sign your name and you can write in the sponsor name at turn in.
- d. Thank you notes are to be written by the exhibitor and in a professional format. For example, on a notecard or notebook paper, **MUST** be in an envelope. The back bottom of each envelope must have the exhibitor's name and grade.
- e. **Neglecting to submit Thank You Notes will result in forfeiting all premiums and awards.**

22. Ask Me Booth/Community Service (Optional)

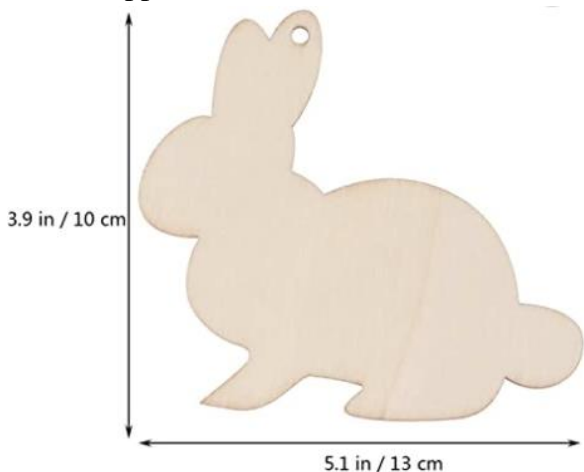
- a. Exhibitors may sign up on Sunday, February 12th to work at the Ask Me Booth for 1-hour blocks. Any empty spots on the sign-up sheet can be filled in on Sunday, February 19th.
- b. Each complete session will earn 30 points toward overall exhibitor.
- c. Exhibitors may work up to 3 sessions (90 points).
- d. K to 2nd grade exhibitors work ½ hour blocks. 3rd to 12th grade exhibitors work 1-hour blocks. Exhibitor may not sign up for more than 2 consecutive blocks.
- e. Ask Me Booth points will be awarded until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 25th.
- f. High school exhibitors who volunteer beyond the three-hour limit may be eligible for community service hours. Arrangements must be made with a committee member, prior to volunteering. A committee member will be available to sign off on official documents provided by the exhibitor's school or other organization upon completion of volunteer hours.
- g. Exhibitors must be signed in and out by a committee designee to obtain points.
- h. Exhibitors must wear school appropriate clothing with no offensive messages. Must wear long pants and closed toe shoes. It is highly encouraged that students wear their FFA or 4-H wear or T-Shirt.

23. Animal Information Cards (Optional)

- a. Exhibitors may create a maximum of one informational cage card per animal entered to display with their animal for the duration of the fair.
- b. Cards should include information about your animal – name, breed, and interesting facts.
- c. Cards must be made by the exhibitor, professionally made cards will not receive points.
- d. Exhibitors receive points for a card based on number of animal(s) entered. (30 points maximum)
- e. **Personal exhibitor information should not be displayed on the front of the card.**
- f. Exhibitors must put their number, grade and breed of the animal on the back of the card.
- g. Cards may be no larger than 3"x 5" and may not contain stickers or any other objects attached to the card.
- h. Cards will be collected on Sunday, February 12th, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Clayton Hall at the Fairgrounds, no points will be awarded if turned in after this date.

24. Rabbit Decorating Contest (Optional)

- Exhibitors may enter only one Rabbit. Rabbits are to be decorated by the exhibitor.
- 3rd-12th wooden rabbits must be 10 cm by 13 cm. Rabbits can be purchased at the Exhibitor meeting (while supplies last) or from a retailer. [Link to Amazon site](#)



- Exhibitors will be placed in 3 age divisions: 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th.
- Exhibitors in K-2nd will find their paper rabbit to decorate at the end of the Rule Book.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to use the fair theme or a theme related to their rabbit project. Exhibitor number and grade must be written on the back of the wooden rabbit / paper rabbit. **Do not write exhibitor name on the Decorated Rabbit.**
- An exhibitor may include a brief explanation of any important information about their rabbit that they want to share with the judge. This should not include the exhibitor's name. May be handwritten or typed on the page.
- Rabbits must be submitted at record book collection on February 12th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Clayton Hall at the Fairgrounds.
- Rabbits will be judged on a 100-point scale based on theme, creative design, balance, neatness, color quality and skill level.
- Exhibitors will be placed in 4 age divisions: K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th.

25. Skillathon (Mandatory)

A skillathon is an event that uses the experiential learning model of doing, reflecting, and applying to test one's knowledge. Exhibitors can earn up to 50 points. <https://floridastatefairag.com/shows/rabbit/>

26. Scoring Opportunities for Overall Exhibitor Calculation – The following are the point opportunities and the possible points for each.

Seminar – 50	Entry Form – 10	Skillathon – 50
Record Book – 100	Showmanship – 100	Poster Contest – 50
Ask Me Booth – 90	Information Cards – 30	Thank You Notes – 10
Decorated Rabbit - 10		

Total Possible – 500 points

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Pasco County Fair Small Animal Barn Committee

Rabbit Contact: rabbit@pascocountyfair.com

Committee Officers

Barn Representative: David Greim (352) 206-4664

Rabbit Chairman: Renee Carpenter (813) 494-2727

Poultry Chairman: Ashley Oakley (813) 312-3095

Secretary: Lyndsi Greim

Treasurer: Ashley New

Committee Members

Kathy Kessler

Kristi Dorough

Selena Springer

Hannah Gillette

Leiann Kleins

Tyler Smithwick

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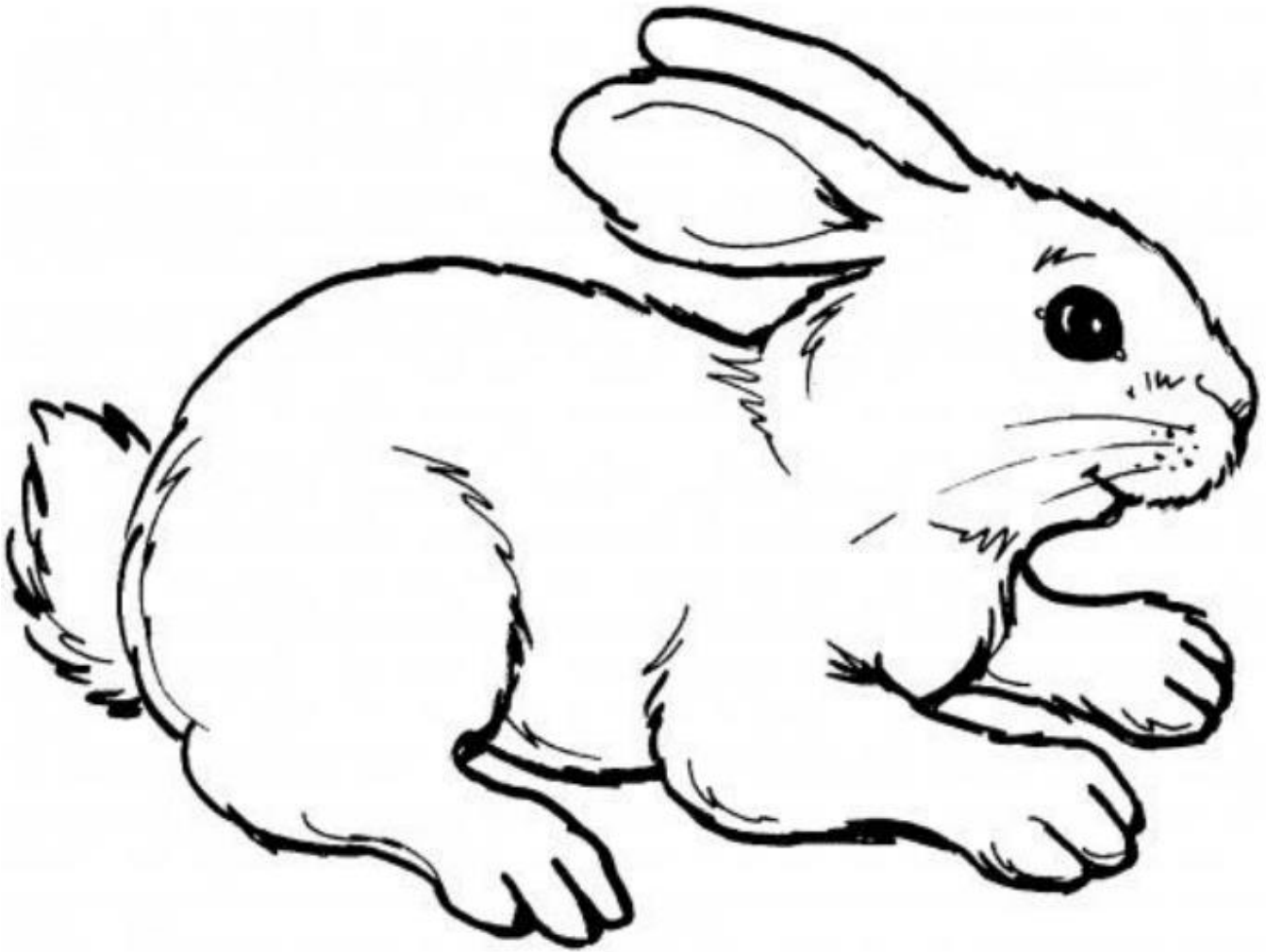
Small Breed Educational Poster Rubric

Exhibitor # _____

Exhibitor Level _____

	10-8 points	7-5 points	4-1 points	Student Score	Judge's Comments
Required Elements	All required elements on poster: 1. Exhibitor Number on Back Right Corner 2. Correct poster size/thickness 3. Attachments on poster less than 1" thick 4. Current Skillathon Topic Used 5. Sited Sources if used on back of poster.	All but 1 required elements are included on the poster	Several Required elements are missing from poster.		
Attractiveness	The poster is exceptionally appealing in terms of layout, design, and neatness.	The poster is acceptable, but not exceptional.	The poster is a little messy or unattractive.		
Content from Current Informational Skillathon Topic	Poster contains all accurate facts/details from Current Skillathon Topic displayed.	Poster contains several accurate facts/details from Current Skillathon Topic displayed.	Poster contains little to no accurate facts/details from Current Skillathon Topic.		
Grammar Spelling	There are NO grammatical/spelling mistakes on the poster.	There are several grammatical/spelling mistakes on the poster.	There are lots of grammatical / spelling mistakes on the poster.		
Effort	Clearly handwritten and neatly compiled poster. Excellent use of space and resources given. Easily read from 5 feet away.	Neatly Handwritten or Typed, well laid out poster. Nice use of space and resources given. Harder to read from 5 feet away.	Little effort was put into the poster. Mostly computer based. Alright lay out of poster but extremely difficult to read 5 feet away.		
Total (50)					

Rabbit Decorating Contest (K-2nd Only)



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